



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Cynthia Howk DATE: Dec., 1994
133 S. Fitzhugh St.
YOUR ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14608 TELEPHONE: 546-7029
ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Greece VILLAGE: ---
3. STREET LOCATION: 320 Kirkwood Road
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ritzman ADDRESS: (same) Rochester, NY 14612
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: _____
Roof = asphalt shingles. Foundation = fieldstone
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This looks like it has its original wood siding. There's not a lot of architectural detailing - it's mainly the paint color that gives it interest. I'd say a 'green plus' is appropriate." P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Green plus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☒
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: _____
j. other: _____
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☐
d. densely built-up ☒ e. commercial ☐
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other: _____
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1890's - 1902
ARCHITECT: not determined
BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES: (see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: residential

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Rear (west) 1-story, shed-roofed addition (early 20th-century?) with clapboard siding.

The present louvered shutters on the front of the house are contemporary.

The porch has been enclosed with modern wire-screen panels.

17. This house is located on the west side of Kirkwood Road in the northeast quadrant of the town. The lot size is 60' by 120.' A driveway is to the south of the house. Located southwest of the house is a mid-20th-century frame, 2-car garage. The neighborhood consists of mostly post-World War II residential houses. Lake Ontario is located two blocks to the north.

18. This two-story residence is constructed in the familiar late 19th-century, cross-gabled plan. It is constructed of wood clapboards and has a fieldstone foundation. Original details include 1/1, double-hung windows. The front (east) gable features a pair of 1/1 windows topped by a decorative, pointed-arched wood molding. Contemporary louvered shutters flank the windows on the front (east) elevation.

The 1-story, front porch at the southeast corner of the house has original decorative turned posts. The porch is enclosed with wood-frame, screen panels. To the rear (west) of the house is a 1-story, shed-roofed section that appears to have been added at a later date (early 20th-century?).

The two-car, frame garage with paneled overhead doors.

20. Built c. 1890s - 1902, this house is architecturally significant as a good example of a late 19th-century vernacular residence. It retains most of its historic design and materials. Historically, this house is significant as one of the oldest surviving residences in the Rigney Bluff/Edgemere Drive neighborhood.

The cross-gabled plan is characteristic of vernacular residential architecture popular from the mid-1800s to the early 1900s. The house includes simple detailing that reflects the more elaborate Queen Anne designs of that era.

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20. continued

The front porch retains its turned wood spindles and the front gable window has pointed-arched woodwork over it. The house was probably constructed during the 1890s - early 1900s (it first appears on the 1902 county map).

The 1872 county map shows this area of Greece, near Lake Ontario and east of Round Pond, as open land with scattered buildings. There is a roadway shown where Kirkwood Road is now located, but no name is indicated. There is a single building shown in this area on the west side of that roadway, but it is probably not this residence.

The 1902 county maps shows this area with some additional development. The Barnards Corners Road (now Dewey Avenue) extends north from Latta Road. At the present 90-degree turn to the east (near the Water Authority site), the road name changes to Rigney Bluff Road. That roadway then makes a 90-degree turn to the north (present Kirkwood Road) and ends at the Rochester and Manitou Railroad line (just north of present-day Edgemere Drive, which is not yet laid out). Two buildings are shown on the west side of Rigney Bluff Road on a 91-acre site owned by B.G. Bennett. It is probable that the house at 320 Kirkwood Rd. is one of these two buildings.

The 1924 county map indicates that suburban development has started in this neighborhood. This site is shown as Lot 20 in the Shoremont V 57-35 subdivision. Woodland Dr., Ingomar Dr., and Stratmore Rd. are laid out and divided into building lots (no homes are yet constructed there). This house is shown on the west side of the road, now named Kirkwood Road. Three frame outbuildings (barns?) are shown immediately behind and south of the house. To the south of this property is land marked "Pat Rigney Farm."

The 1930 suburban directory lists #320 Kirkwood Road as "vacant;" it is the only house listed on Kirkwood Rd. in that directory. The 1959 map shows this house and its frame garage (southwest corner of site).

The owner of #417 Edgemere Drive noted a conversation he had with the owners of this house at #320 Kirkwood Road. They reported that #320 Kirkwood was originally the tenant house for the larger residence at #417 Edgemere Drive. No additional information about this has become available.

21. See final report for bibliography; phone interview with Paul Gauthier.



